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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
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Dear Supervisors:

**LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
REPORT BACK ON FIRE CAMP ACTIVATION, AND COMMUNITY CORRECTIONAL
FACILITIES (CCF) IMPACT ON PERCENTAGE OF
TIME SERVED BY THE M-7 POPULATION**

At the September 17, 2013, Board meeting, the Board requested that the Sheriff of the Los Angeles County (County) Sheriff's Department (Department) report back on how additional fire camp beds would increase the percentage of time served by the inmate population who are classified as M-7 (those inmates charged with more serious crimes); to specify how the percentage of time served by the M-7 inmate population would be increased in the event additional beds are secured from the Community Correctional Facilities (CCF) by the County; and to provide a progress report on the fire camp transition through the end of March 2014.

The contract between the Department and the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) was signed on October 23, 2013. The first group of fire camp inmates was transferred from the County's Fire Camp Training Facility at the Department's Pitchess Detention Center, to the CDCR Holton Conservation Camp on November 6, 2013.

According to the Department's Inmate Reception Center (IRC), the County's jail population averages 477 inmates that have been classified as M-7. As of March 31, 2014, the County's Fire Camp Training Facility has transferred a total of 152 inmates (139 males and 13 females) out of the County's jail system, thereby freeing up the County's jail bed space. The transfer of these 152 fire camp inmates to CDCR camps or facilities has allowed 89 M-7 inmates to serve 100 percent of their sentence.

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Inmates convicted of more serious crimes are adjusted first to serve 100 percent of their sentence before transitioning to those inmates who have been convicted of lesser crimes, as bed space becomes available.

The County's Fire Camp Training Facility anticipates transferring 40 additional inmates per month from the County's jail system to CDCR Holton Conservation Camp. This will allow 24 M-7 inmates each month to serve 100 percent of their sentences. Alternatives for increasing the percentage of time served for M-7 inmates can be considered if future bed space becomes available.

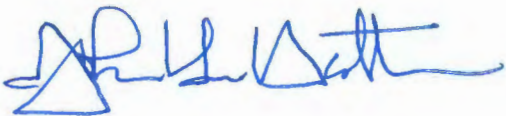
The utilization of CCF's has also been analyzed as a means to reduce jail population and/or to further increase the percentage of time served by M-7 inmates. There is only one remaining public CCF available in Coalinga, California with 385 available beds. The current proposed rate for this CCF is \$95 per day for each available bed. This equates to an annual cost of \$12 million. In the event the Board would like to pursue this option, it is estimated this will increase the percentage time served of M7 inmates from 40 percent to a maximum of 75 percent.

The above statements are based on a snapshot of the current jail population. Subsequent changes to the population may affect the outcome of future projections.

The Department is currently working with the Chief Executive Office to present a variety of bed capacity options to the Board to further this discussion. These options will be available to discuss with the Justice Deputies by April 30, 2014.

If you have any questions, please contact Chief Eric G. Parra, Custody Services Division, General Population, at (213) 893-5017.

Sincerely,



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